



Daisy Fresh

While away the hours with simple embroidered flowers

The traditional craft of embroidery is back on trend, and Amanda Walker's nature-themed wall art brings it right up to date.

The simple wildflower design is easy to replicate and features basic stitches worked on ivory fabric for a fresh spring look. The thread shades used for this project are given in the instructions, but can also be substituted with your favourite colour palette.

We used...

- * Fabric, even weave linen, ivory
- * Stranded cotton, Anchor: pink, green, dark green, yellow
- * Embroidery hoop, 15cm
- * Embroidery needle

Flower Hoop


1 Cut a square of linen fabric large enough to fit a 15cm embroidery hoop. Trace the design onto the linen, either directly or using carbon paper. Secure the square in the hoop, pulling the fabric firmly so it is taut.

2 Snip a length of green thread, separate three strands and pass onto your needle. Start with the stem of the cow parsley, which is worked with a back stitch. When complete, continue to work the curved parts of the flower head. Fill the centre of the flower with satin stitches.

3 Thread the needle with two strands of yellow, then form the tiny flower tips by stitching French knots. These are not marked on the template – just stitch them randomly around the tips of the flower head.

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4 Work the stems of the daisies with back stitches and two strands of dark green. Embroider the petals with three strands of pink, working three satin stitches next to each other. Because the flowers are formed on an oval shape, the stitch lengths will differ and may need filling with single stitches.

5 Fill the daisy centres with yellow satin stitches. Add little tips to the ends of the stem spurs in lighter green. Trim excess fabric from the back of the embroidery, then run a gathering stitch around the remainder and pull up tight to secure the fabric flat inside the hoop. 



Amanda says...

“Work in good light, so as not to strain your eyes. A magnifying glass may help if you are struggling - the ones that hang around your neck are great”

Stitch smart

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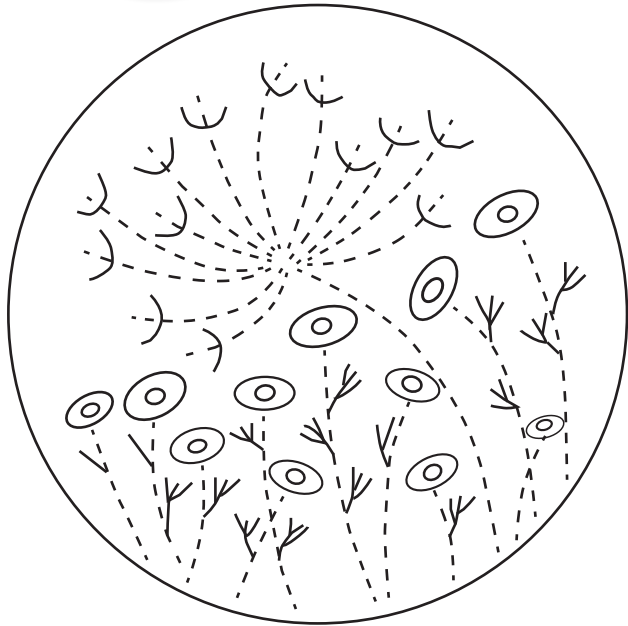
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